

MARY ELIZABETH CRAIG.

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Mr. BAKER, of Kansas, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 2236].

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2236) granting a pension to Mary Elizabeth Craig, having carefully considered the same, report thereon as follows:

Mary Elizabeth Craig is the widow of Thomas Craig, who served as deputy United States marshal of the fourth district of Iowa, from June 20, 1863, to April 16, 1864.

She is also the mother of Robert E. Craig, late major Eighty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry; David A. Craig, late captain Seventeenth Iowa Infantry; James W. Craig, late a second lieutenant Second Missouri State Militia Cavalry and captain Seventeenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and Samuel T. Craig, late lieutenant Iowa Volunteer Cavalry.

Her husband died in 1882. One of her sons died in the service and two have since died from causes due to their service, while the fourth is totally disabled and is a pensioner. No one is now pensioned on account of the service and death of Maj. Robert E. Craig, whose widow died in 1888.

This woman gave to the service of her country her husband and four sons, all of whom became officers, all but one of whom are now dead, and that one is totally disabled. She is now 84 years of age and dependent, and your committee earnestly recommend that the bill do pass after being amended as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll the name of Mary Elizabeth Craig, mother of Robert E. Craig, late major Eighty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension of twenty-five dollars per month.

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